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SUBJ: IAEA 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: PLENARY-SEPTEMBER 24
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SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN PLENARY WITH STATEMENTS
BY REPUBLIC OF KOREA, BRAZIL, PORTUGAL, BULGARIA, ZAMBIA,
BANGLADESH, PHILIPPINES, JAPAN AND THAILAND. SPEECHES
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FAVORABLE TO AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS, WITH SOME

DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER NPT PARTIES SHOULD RECEIVE PREFERENCE IN DISTRIBUTION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SEVERAL SPEECHS ADVOCATED NPT RATIFICATION OR AT LEAST UTILIZATION OF FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS. MORE CALLS WERE MADE FOR OTHER NWS TO FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF US AND UK VOLUNTARY OFFERS. UNIVERSAL THEME WAS NEED FOR MORE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ZAMBIA STRUMMED LENGTHILY ON POLIITCAL CHORD.

END SUMMARY.

1. REPUBLIC OF KOREA REP NOTED KOREAN RATIFICATION OF NPT AND URGED WIDER ADHERENCE. HE STATED SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTER (RNFCC) STUDY. HE URGED AGENCY TO FOCUS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS, DESCRIBING THE DIFFICULTIES LDCS HAVE IN COMMENCING USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

2. BRAZILIAN REP EXPLAINED THAT BRAZIL SEEKS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BASED ON MASSIVE USE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY WHICH WILL EXHAUST HYDROELECTRICAL RESOURCES AND REQUIRE NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE NOTED THAT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH FRG WAS PART OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN. HE SAID BRAZIL WAS AWARE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS OF NUCLEAR POWER, WHICH ARE OF SIMILAR SERIOUSNESS TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE INTRODUCTION OF FOSSIL FUELS TO INDUSTRIAL USE OR CHEMICAL FERTILIZER TO AGRICULTURAL USE. HE STATED THAT NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE STUDY OF SPECIALISTS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO SOLVE. HE SUPPORTED AGENCY WORK IN PHYSICAL PROTECTION FIELD AND COMPLIMENTED AGENCY ON RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF SCARCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS. HE URGED INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ASSERTED BRAZIL'S AVERSION TO ANY DISCRIMINATION BASED ON GROUNDS OF NPT ADHERENCE IN GRATING SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. PORTUGUESE REP DESCRIBED HIS COUNTRY'S URANIUM RESERVES AND ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. HE STATED GOP WISHES TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION WITH OTHER STATES AND IAEA, NOTING THAT GOP RECENTLY RATIFIED NPT. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDS AND THE NEED TO INCREASE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

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4. BULGARIAN REP OPENED HIS STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF HELSINKI, THE FINAL ACT OF WHICH IMPROVES COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND WORLD. HE THOUGHT AGENCY HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY. HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HAVING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION INCLUDED UNDER SAFEGUARDS. HE HOPED SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE APPLIED TO FULL FUELD CYCLES OF COUNTRIES NOT PARTY TO NPT. HE THROUGHT AGENCY SHOULD EMPLOY SAFEGUARDS

INSPECTORS ONLY FROM NPT PARTIES. HE THOUGHT SAFEGUARDS COSTS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO VOLUME OF NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IN MEMBER STATES. HE SUPPORTED AGENCY'S RNFCC STUDY AS WELL AS PNE STUDY. HE LAUDED USSR/US UNDERGROUND BAN AS PLAYING POSITIVE ROLE IN ACHIEVING COMPLETE TEST BAN. HE THOUGHT NNWS PARTY TO NPT SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN RECEIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

5. ZAMBIAN REP WELCOMED NICARAGUA AS MEMBER AND PLO AS OBSERVER, EXPRESSING HOPE OBSERVER STATUS WOULD BE ACCORDED AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS IN FUTURE. HE SAID ZAMBIA HAD BENEFITED FROM AGENCY WORK OVER PAST YEAR. HE URGED INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. HE DESCRIBED RECENT BOARD APPROVAL OF FRG/IAEA/SAG SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AS SHAMELESS ENCOURAGEMENT TO A RACIST STATE." HE ASSERTED THAT SAG HAD COMMITTED AGGRESSION AGAINST BLACK AFRICAN STATES AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO AS LONG AS IT RECEIVED ENCOURAGEMENT LIKE THIS FROM OTHER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE SUPPORTED ACTIONS AGAINST SAG PROPOSED IN NIGERIAN STATEMENT AND REPORTED SEPTEL.

6. BANGLADESH REP ALSO WELCOME NICARAGUA MEMBERSHIP AND PLO OBSERVER STATUS, THEREAFTER DELIVERING EXTENSIVE DISQUISITION ON ALL ASPECTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEM. HE URGED INCREASE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPLETE TEST BAN, AND HE SUPPORTED RNFCC STUDY.

7. PHILIPPINE REP ALSO URGED EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WITH SAFEGUARDS AMONG AGENCY ACTIVITIES. HE ALSO ADVOCATED SAFEGUARDS ON FULL FUEL CYCLE OF MEMBER STATES. HE WELCOMED JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT AND EXPRESSED REGRET EURATOM AGREEMENT NOT YET IN FORCE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN RE SECRECY LONDON SUPPLIERS TALKS, STATING THAT UNDER IAEA STATUTE, ALL CONCERNED PARTIES HAVE RIGHT TO KNOWN ABOUT SUCH DISCUSSIONS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT UNFAIR IMPOSITIONS

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ON IMPORTING COUNTRIES PARTIES TO THE NPT. HE THOUGHT NPT PARTIES MIGHT BE GIVEN PREFERENCE CONCERNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND HE EXPRESSED GOP INTEREST IN AGENCY'S FOOD IRRADIATION PROGRAM.

8. JAPANESE REP STATED THAT SOLUTIONS ARE NEEDED TO QUESTIONS RE (A) ENSURING URANIUM SOURCES, (B) DEVELOPING FAST BREEDER REACTORS, (C) REPROCESSING, (D) WASTE DISPOSAL, AND ASSERTED THOSE SOLUTIONS REQUIRE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE FAVORED AGENCY RNFCC AND WASTE DISPOSAL STUDIES, AS WELL AS WORK ON SAFETY PROGRAMS. HE NOTED GOJ THIRD LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO VOLUNTARY FUND, AS WELL AS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. HE NOTED GOJ RATIFICATION OF NPT AND URGED OTHERS TO RATIFY, AS WELL AS URGING NWS TO FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF US-UK VOLUNTARY OFFERS.

9. THAILAND REP SUPPORTED RNFCC STUDY, STATED PNE'S SHOULD ONLY BE UNDER AGENCY SUPERVISION AND EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF REVISED SAFEGUARD FINANCING FORMULA. HE WELCOMED JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT AND URGED OTHERS TO RATIFY. IN GRATUITOUS REFERENCE TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH HE DID NOT ATTEND "THROUGH UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCE," HE STATED THAT HAD HE ATTENDED, HE WOULD HAVE VOTED TO SUSPEND THE CREDENTIALS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

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